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*It is with great pleasure that we dedicate the 1949 volume of *The Point* to Mrs. Leroy Bryan Riddle, a patron, who has so graciously given of her time and talents to the West Point High School.*



# The Point

West Point, Virginia, June 11, 1949

## Today, Yesterday Are Featured In The Point

THE POINT, published by the students of the West Point High School, pictures in the present volume high school life today and yesterday.

The 1949 POINT is the twentieth publication of that name. The first annual was THE SKEETER, published for the one year, 1916. Richard Bullard was editor-in-chief and Irene McGeorge, business manager. In 1929 the publication of an annual was resumed under a name inherited from the first school paper, "THE POINT." The editor-in-chief of the first POINT was Percy Fox; the business manager, Maurice Cleasby; and the faculty adviser, Miss Wilhelmina Wright. From 1929 to 1932 THE POINT was published as a printed annual and during that period twice won first place among Class C school annuals in the contests sponsored by the Virginia High School Literary-Athletic League. Because of financial difficulties in the "Depression" years, THE POINT was



Seated: Putnam, Humphreys, Evans, Ashley, Highland  
Standing: B. Johnson, Riddle, J. Johnson, Howell, Hall

a hand-made scrapbook for the senior class. In 1941 THE POINT's publication as a school project was resumed in somewhat its present form.

The 1949 volume of THE POINT represents an effort of the Staff to present in newspaper style a picture of our high school life today and yesterday. In after years if headlines, well-loved faces, pleasant scenes, and accounts of happy activities help to recall high school memories and ideals, we have fulfill-

ed our purpose.

The staff wishes to acknowledge the help afforded by parents, friends, and the local newspaper, our publisher, in making possible this portrayal of our school life.

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SKEETER STAFF—1916



# School Closes 43d Session

West Point High School was established in 1906 and, therefore, last evening closed its forty-third session. Up to 1903 the school had been an eight-grade grammar school, with a faculty of four teachers. The first principal of the high school was Mr. Thomas J. Harwell. The other members of this faculty, including elementary teachers, were Miss Katharine P. Howerton, Mrs. K. R. Richardson, Miss Maude Bland, and Miss Lily Johnson. Since Mr. Harwell's administration there have been fourteen different principals. Miss Katharine P. Howerton, principal from 1918 to June 1939, served the longest term. Mr. Homer A. Humphreys, who is completing his fifth year as principal, is the fifteenth principal of the school.

The history of the school has been one of steady growth. In the early fall of 1924 the high school department moved from three rooms in the present elementary school building to the present high school building. In June, 1948, the latter building was renamed the Howerton Building in honor of Miss Katharine P. Howerton, a teacher and principal of the West Point School for fifty-two years.

Until 1913, only three years of high school work were offered, and the members of the Class of 1914 were the first to graduate with sixteen credits.

Until 1934, the program of study offered by the school contained only academic subjects. That year, the commercial department was established and in 1941, during the principalship of Mr. Joseph B. Van Pelt, home economics, fine arts, and industrial arts were added. In 1948, agriculture became a department of the school.

Physical training was first made a required activity for all pupils during the session 1923-1924. Miss Frances Shipman, now Mrs. D. N. Sutton, and Miss Hilda Lawson, now Mrs. Charles McReynolds, were the first direc-



WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL—1916

tors of exercises in physical education.

During the earlier years of the school, the only co-curricular activities were a literary society and an athletic association. The program of club activities has within recent years expanded and grown in importance.

The school has had a guidance program since 1934. It is through the guidance program that each student may better find in the school program what he needs for his own fullest development.

The standing of a school in the accrediting organizations to which it belongs is a matter of much interest and importance to the school and to the community. Beginning with the year 1918, the school has been fully accredited by the Virginia State Board of Education, and beginning with the year 1924, it has been fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Last evening the school graduated twenty-three students. The forty-two members of the Class of 1939 made up the largest graduating class. There were only two students in the first class, the Class of 1908. The first graduates of the school were Fannie Clements, now Mrs. W. C. Gouldman, and Marian Lewis, now Mrs. R. B. Feild.

At the present time plans are being considered to make West Point High School the central school for the surrounding counties.

## CLUBS

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erson sang. Mrs. Cluverius, assisted by Mr. Kolcum, directed both plays.

The BETA CLUB is a national leadership-service organization for high school students. It was organized at West Point in 1939 with twenty-one members. The Beta Club was organized by Miss Katharine P. Howerton, who served as sponsor until this session. The motto of the club is "*Duncamus aliis serviendo*" ("Let us lead by serving others"), and the colors are old gold and black.

The 1948-49 Beta Club has twenty members, fourteen of whom were inducted in two assembly programs. Ten of the members attended the Beta Convention in Roanoke, where they took part in all of the activities. Miss Shipman is the present sponsor.

## OLDEST ORGANIZATION

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Literary Society studied debating and the other, reading. Representing the school in the Virginia Literary-Athletic League contests were: Barbara Guzik, William Hall, Jacqueline Johnson and Sidney Newton in debating; Donald Dickerson and Barbara Dyson in public speaking; Jane Topping in reading, and Joan Czablewski in spelling.

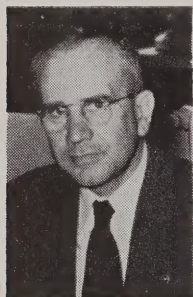


# Faculty Grows From 3 to 13

*There were only three teachers in 1906 when the West Point High School was established. Today there are thirteen.*

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MR. HOMER A. HUMPHREYS is completing his fifth year as principal of our school. Before coming to West Point, Mr. Humphreys had taught in North



Carolina and Virginia public schools and had served as principal of Darlington Heights and Green Bay High Schools. A native of Augusta County, Mr. Humphreys graduated from

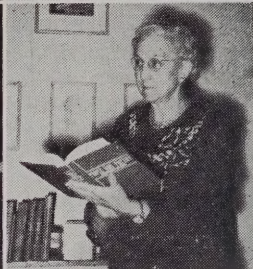
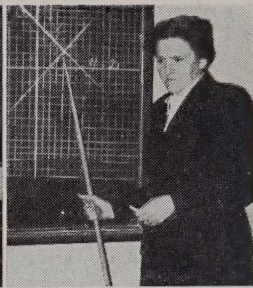
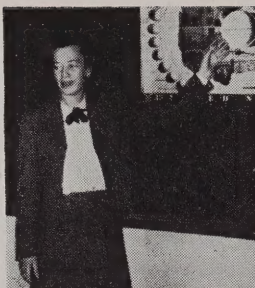
Bridgewater College. He has had graduate work at Cornell University and holds a Master's degree from the University of Virginia. He is now working toward the completion of his doctorate in the field of Education. Mr. Humphreys holds membership in Phi Delta Kappa, N. E. A. Department of Audio-Visual Instructors and Department of Secondary School Principals.

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MISS MARY MOWBRAY BRANCH teaches world history, American history, Government and French. Miss Branch is from Toano, Virginia, and received her Bachelor's degree from Hollins College. She has since studied at the French School of McGill University in Montreal, Canada; Teacher's College of Columbia University, and at the American University's Institute on World Affairs. Miss Branch is a member of the National Council for the Social Studies and the Archeological Society of Virginia.

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MR. C. C. BRIGGS is director of the West Point High School Band and instructor in band instruments. Originally from Davenport, Iowa, Mr. Briggs received his musical training in Duncan's Professional Institute of



Top row, left to right: *Branch, Briggs, Cluverius*  
Bottom row, left to right: *Ferguson, Gaines, Geyer*

that city. He has taught band music in the College of William and Mary and in several Virginia high schools. Mr. Briggs came to Virginia as manager of a lumber company in Ivor, Virginia. He now makes his home in James City County where he spends his time writing music and gardening.

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MRS. W. B. CLUVERIUS, JR., teaches Mathematics and English, and coaches Dramatics. Mrs. Cluverius comes from nearby King and Queen County. She was educated at Westhampton College, the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina. Before coming to West Point, Mrs. Cluverius taught in the Schools of King and Queen and New Kent Counties.

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MR. SAM FERGUSON came to West Point this session with the inauguration of the Agricultural department in our school. Mr. Ferguson was born in Newsoms, Virginia, and is now making his home in King and Queen County. He was educated at V. P. I. and before coming to West Point taught in Pleasant Hill High School.

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MISS ETHEL GAINES, commercial instructor, has classes in

Typing, Shorthand and Book-keeping. She is a native of Madison, Virginia, and received her Bachelor's degree from Madison College.

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MRS. MABEL G. GEYER has served as the Eighth Grade teacher since this grade was added to the high school in the session 1945-1946. A native of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Geyer has lived in this section for a number of years and has served as principal of Port Richmond Elementary School and as teacher in the West Point Elementary School. Mrs. Geyer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hollins College and has since done work at Mary Washington, The University of Virginia, College of William and Mary, and the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Geyer also teaches Latin and directs the Choral Club. Mrs. Geyer is a member of the National Music Educators Association.

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MR. RAY HAYNES, our Industrial Arts instructor, Boys' Physical Education director and athletic coach hails from Freeman, West Virginia. Mr. Haynes attended Concord College and

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# Faculty

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the West Virginia Institute of Technology. During World War II, Mr. Haynes served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Force.

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MR. JOHN KOLCUM teaches English, acts as guidance director, and assists in coaching athletics. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mr. Kolcum had lived in several other States before coming to Virginia. He attended the College of William and Mary, the University of Richmond and Western Reserve University. Mr. Kolcum served as Ensign in the United States Navy during World War II.

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MISS DOROTHY SHIPMAN is librarian of our school. Miss Shipman was educated at Averett College and George Washington University. Before coming to West Point she had served as librarian at Averett College and in the library at the College of William and Mary. Miss Shipman is a member of the American Library Association.

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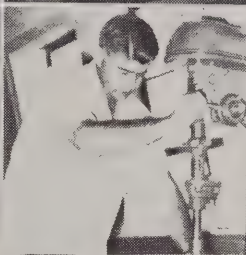
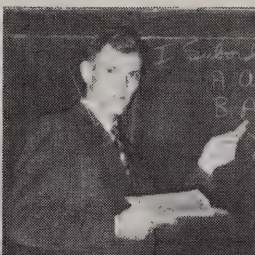
MISS JANE STAPLES instructs in Home Economics and directs Girls' Physical Education. Miss Staples is from Harrisonburg and is a graduate of Madison College. Miss Staples is a member of the American and Virginia Home Economics Associations.

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MISS MARGARET THOMPSON, of Charlottesville, teaches General Science, Biology and Chemistry. Miss Thompson was a student at Westhampton College and later at the University of Virginia from which she received her Bachelor's degree in 1948.

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MR. E. M. WARE instructs veterans in agricultural subjects. Born in Washington, D. C., Mr. Ware had lived in several Virginia towns before coming to West Point. Mr. Ware received his B. S. degree from V. P. I. and has since studied at the University of Maryland. He was



Top row, left to right: Haynes, Kolcum, Shipman  
Bottom row, left to right: Staples, Thompson, Ware

formerly employed as a marketing research analyst for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. During World War II he served as a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

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MR. W. E. GARBER has been Superintendent of the Schools of West Point and King William County since 1923. Recently he has been appointed Superintendent of the new

Division of King and Queen and King William Counties. Mr. Garber was born in King William County and received his early education in the county public schools. He has a B. S. degree from the College of William and Mary and a Master's degree from the University of Virginia. He has also done graduate work at Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. Before becoming Superintendent of King William County Schools, Mr. Garber was principal of high schools in King William County for two years and principal of Driver High School in Nansemond County for a like period.



## School History

Several private schools were established in the town of West Point in the second half of the last century. According to Mrs. Mary New Lipscomb in "Recollections of Early West Point," Mrs. Laina Couch taught possibly the earliest of these schools.

For a number of years, beginning in 1886, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Broaddus, formerly of Caroline County, conducted private schools in West Point. The Broadduses held school at various times in several different buildings—in the house on Main Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth, now occupied by Mr. Wm. Hudson; in Ware Cottage on Eleventh Street; in the large house no longer standing at the corner of Fourteenth and Lee; in the Owen house on the corner of Main and Second, and in the Terminal Hotel, which stood on First Street between Main and Lee. The Broadduses first had a girls' school, then a boys' military school, and again a girls' school known as the West Point Female Seminary. In the early twentieth century, the Broaddus family sold the school to a Mr. Bethel, who operated it for a short time for both boys and girls, first on the "Hill" and later at Ware Cottage.



# Participate In H. S. Government

Student government in a modified form was introduced in the West Point High School in 1915 and in December, 1918, the Student Council was established. Today the organization is known as the Student Cooperative Association headed by the Student Council. The duties of the Student Council are to propose plans for student participation in advancing the best interests of the school, and to advise students whose work and conduct are not in keeping with the spirit and purpose of the organization. Under the S. C. A. function these student committees: Recreation, Health and Welfare, Building and Grounds, Assembly and the Safety Patrol.

A different type of organization existed when student participation was introduced in 1915. Grade students as well as the members of the high school department were included. The officers of the first organization were Adelaide Leigh, Girls' Student Representative; Thomas Pumphrey, Boys' Representative; Frances Bland and Livingston De Farges, Grade I Captains; Elizabeth Chandler and Charles Bagby, Grade II Captains; Catherine Pumphrey and Joseph Sohm, Grade III Captains; Mary Emerson and Edward Topping, Grade IV Cap-



*Hudson, Evans, B. Dyson, Robertson, J. Dyson, Anderson and Westmoreland*

tains; Stella Sohm and Clarence Wolfe, Grade V Captains; Clara Aumack and William Moore, Grade VI Captains; Meade Feild and Thomas Cheatham, Grade VII Captains; Virginia Farinholt and Edmund Henshaw, Grade VIII Captains; Eloise Brown and Sam Puller, Grade IX Captains; Mary Burke and Patrick Robinson, Grade X Captains, and Mary Hudson and Richard Bullard, Grade XI Captains.

The officers for the past session were William Robertson, President; Barbara Dyson, Vice-president, and Doris Anderson, Secretary. Margaret Evans, Bynum Westmoreland, Jack Dyson and Mary Montague Hudson served as class representatives to relay ideas back and forth

between the Council and the class.

The Student Association sent delegates to both the state and district S. C. A. meetings. Mr. Humphreys served as program director of the district meeting and Miss Branch, William Robertson and Barbara Dyson were members of the program committee. Sidney Newton has been named vice-president of the Richmond District S. C. A. for the year 1949-50.

On May 25, the Council held installation services for the students chosen to direct S. C. A. activities for the session 1949-1950. The new officers are: Elvira Fary, President; Donald Dickerson, Vice-president and John Hasty, Secretary.

In the induction of these officers the students participated in the following ceremony:

Processional, New and Retiring Officers.

Song, "God of Our Fathers," Assembly.

Talk, William Robertson, Retiring President.

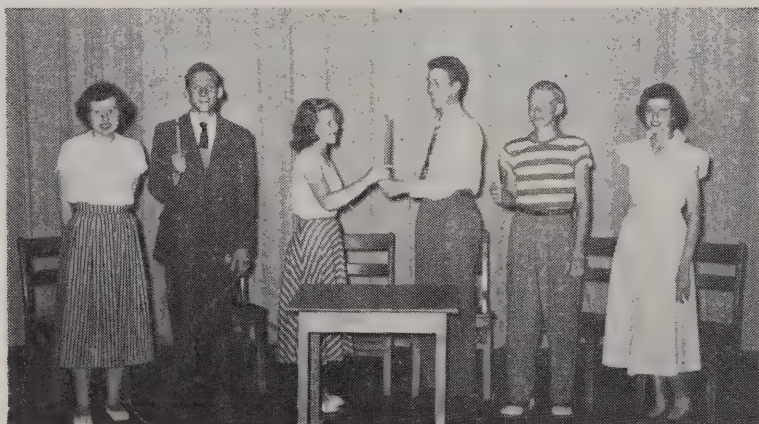
Song, "The S. C. A.," Assembly.

Installation of New Officers by Retiring Officers.

Talk, Elvira Fary, New President.

Reading, S. C. A. Obligation, Assembly led by the President.

Recessional, New Officers.



INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL



# The Point

West Point, Virginia, June 11, 1949

## Graduates Ready To Tackle World

Twenty-three Students Receive  
Their High School Diplomas

SIXTEEN BOYS AND GIRLS OF GROUP STARTED  
EDUCATION IN THE WEST POINT SCHOOL

### Move Along To Higher Classes

The twenty-three members of the Class of 1949 received their high school diplomas on Friday evening, June 10, in the High School auditorium. Sixteen of the boys and girls had begun school in Miss Corr's first grade in the West Point Elementary School. In the second grade they had spent another year with

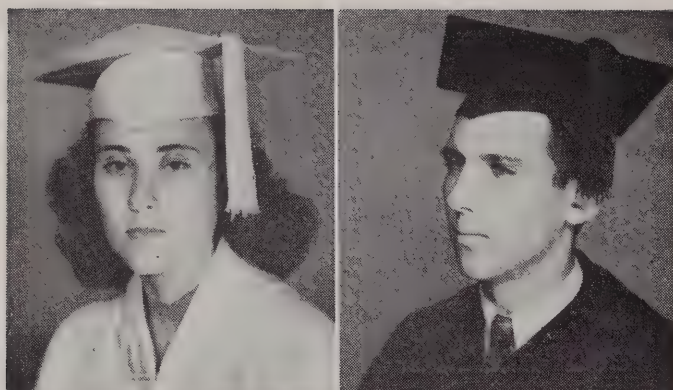
Miss Corr and had then advanced through the other elementary grades taught by Miss Cornelia Hogg, Miss Bland, Miss Cleasby, Miss Elizabeth Hogg and Miss Reynolds. They had all entered high school together in the fall of 1944. In high school their home room teachers were Mrs. Geyer, Miss Boyer, Mrs. Cluverius and Miss Branch. During their school days the following persons had served as principals of the

### Various Principals Are Recalled

school: Mr. Norton, Mr. Van Pelt, Mr. Meredith and Mr. Humphreys.

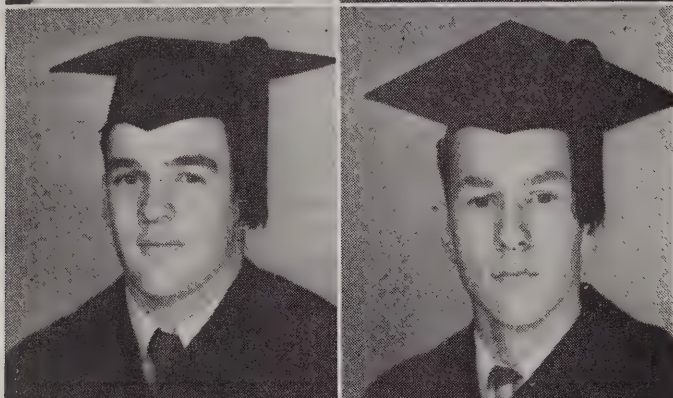
The other seven members of the class had entered at varying times during the intervening years. Some had come from King William County Schools; several from King and Queen, and some from different schools in Virginia and other states.





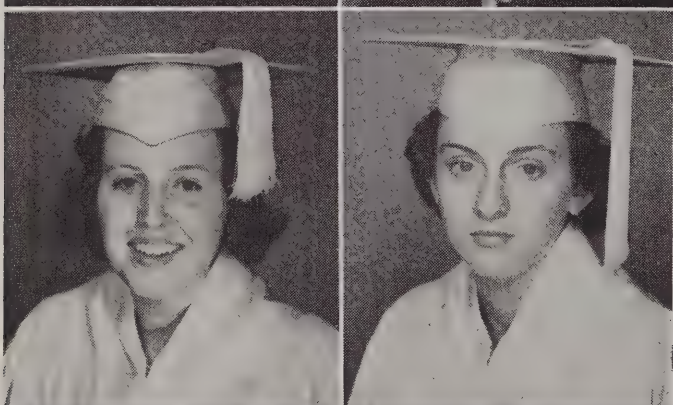
First to receive her diploma was MARGARET ELIZABETH ASHLEY, who began her school life in Miss Corr's first grade in 1938. Margaret has been interested in many school activities, serving as school pianist, cheer leader, editor of the Orange and Blue Review and The Point, treasurer of the Senior Class, and secretary of the Beta Club. She has won honors in the Latin and French State Tournaments.

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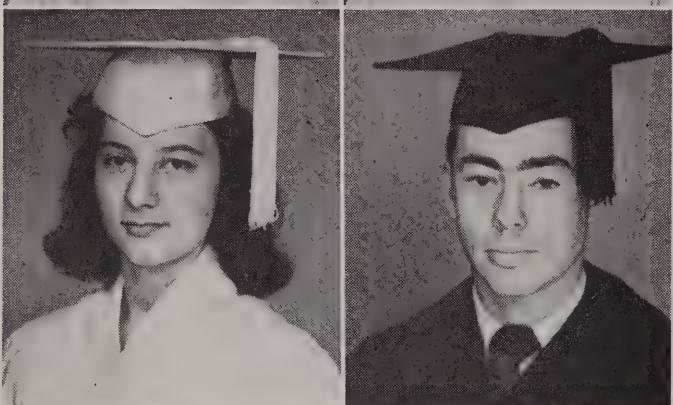
JAMES ROBERT BERRY, JR., was the next to step forward. James was born in West Point and since the age of seven has attended school here. James is especially interested in athletics and has been a member of the football team and co-captain of basketball.

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OTIS ALLEN BRISTOW started out in the West Point first grade, leaving to complete his elementary education at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School. "Bootsie" returned to attend high school in West Point in 1945. In 1948 he was sent as the school's representative to Boys' State. During his senior year he was president of the Athletic Association and the Hobbies Club; a member of the Dramatic and Science Clubs, and on the basketball team.

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The latest comer to the class is JAMES ANDREW COLEMAN, who entered in September, 1948. James previously attended Pleasant Hill School. His chief interests have been athletics and the organization of the Future Farmers, of which he is secretary.

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BARBARA DYSON was born in Richmond and came to West Point in 1936, entering the first grade in 1938. Throughout high school Barbara's chief interests have been dramatics and public speaking activities. She has been in a number of plays, including "Three's A Crowd," the prize-winning one-act comedy in the State contest of 1948. She

First Row: Ashley and Berry

Second row: Bristow and Coleman

Third row: Dyson and Evans

Fourth row: Guzik and Hall



has also represented the school in debating and public speaking. During her senior year Barbara has been vice-president of the Student Council, editor-in-chief of the Orange and Blue Review, vice-president of the Beta Club, and secretary of the Senior Class.

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Another of the original sixteen is MARGARET ELAINE EVANS, editor-in-chief of The 1949 Point. Throughout high school, Peggy has been a member of the Choral Club, having served this year as its president. She was vice-president of the Dramatic Club, chairman of the Assembly Committee, and a member of the Beta Club.

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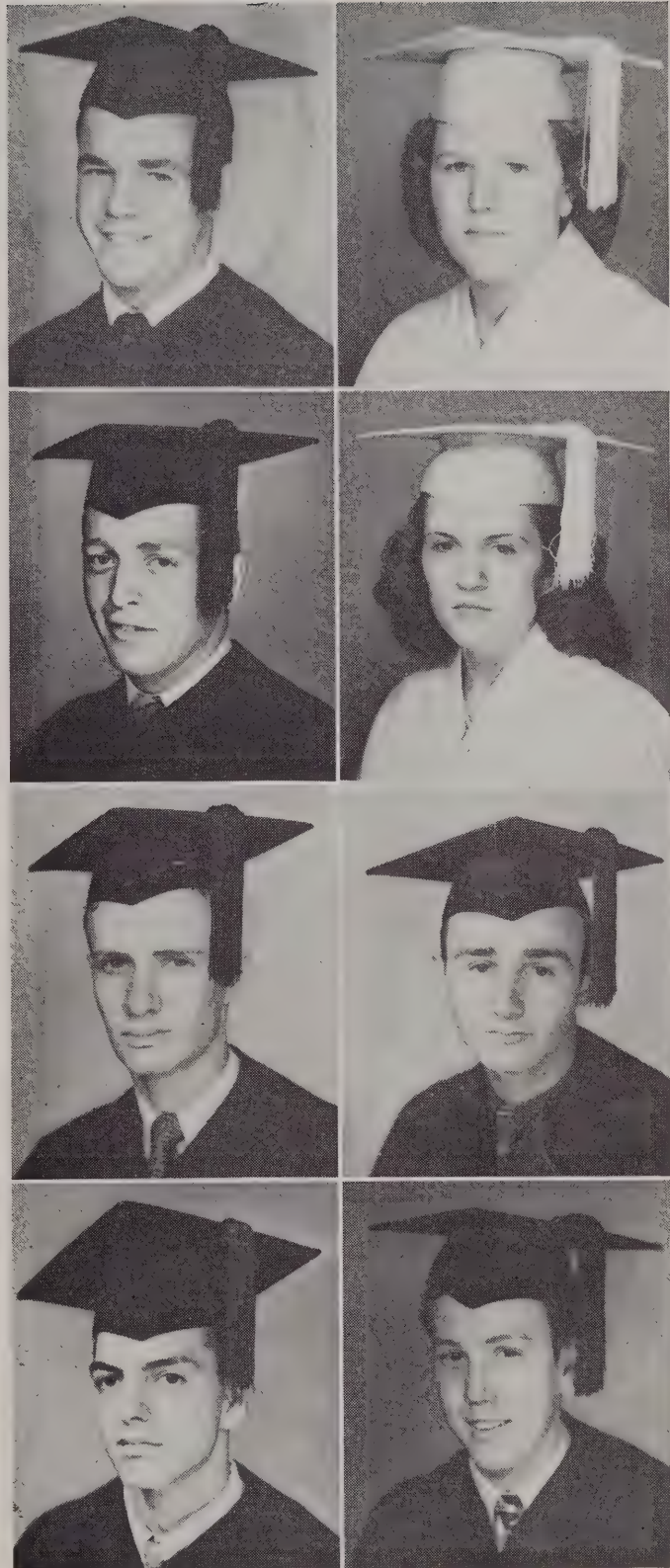
Next comes VIRGINIA BARBARA GUZIK, president of the Senior Class and the Beta Club. "Bebe's" name first appeared on our roll in the sixth grade. As a high school student, she has won honors for her school in the French and Latin State Tournaments; served as representative to Girls' State in 1948, and participated in several debate meets.

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WILLIAM POLLARD HALL, JR., was another first grader in 1938. In high school, William has been interested in many activities. He was president of the Science Club, co-captain of football, a member of the Debate Team, the Dramatic Club, the Band, and the Beta Club. As a radio "ham," William spends much time talking to distant places.

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HERBERT NEWTON HAYNES has attended the West Point schools except for one year spent in Mathews High School. Herbert was president of the F. F. A., vice-president of the Athletic Association, and captain of football. He was also on the Orange and Blue Review staff, a member of the basketball team, and of the Dramatic Club.



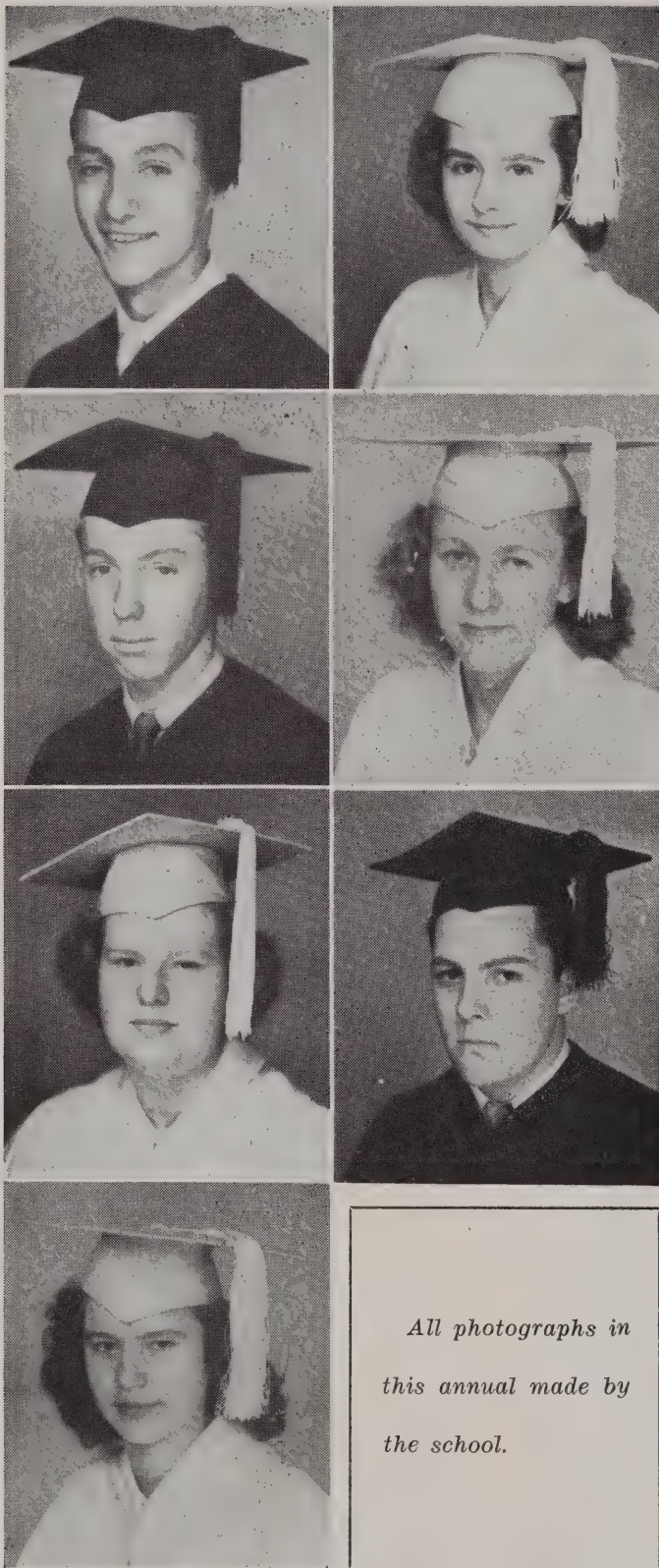
First row: *Haynes and Highland*

Second row: *Hooper and Humphreys*

Third row: *Jones and Miller*

Fourth row: *Petke and Robertson*





*All photographs in  
this annual made by  
the school.*

First row: *Roberts and Skuers*  
Second row: *Trimmer and Wajciechowski*  
Third row: *Wolfe and Woodie*  
Fourth row: *Wroblick*

JOYCE ANNE HIGHLAND joined the class of 1949 in the fifth grade, after having attended the first three grades of the Valley Chapel, West Virginia, School, and one year at the Weston, West Virginia, School. Joyce's interest in commercial subjects has made her an active member of Keys and Kues, of which she is secretary. She has also served as typist for the Orange and Blue Review and The Point. She was a member of the Beta and Dramatic Clubs.

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WILLIAM THOMAS HOOPER entered the West Point Elementary School in the fourth grade, after attending Port Richmond School for three years. Tommy has been active in the Safety Patrol, having served as its captain. He is president of Keys and Kues, vice-president of F. F. A., treasurer of the Athletic Association, and a member of the Choral and Beta Clubs.

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ANNE HUMPHREYS became a member of the Class of '49 when she entered the seventh grade in 1944. She had previously attended the Green Bay School. Anne, a commercial student, has often served as typist for the school publications. During her senior year she was president of the Dramatic Club, vice-president of the Senior Class, treasurer of the Beta Club, and an editor of The Point.

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WILLIAM JONES moved to King William County from Bowling Green, entered school here in the second grade, and with the exception of a part of a year spent in Dallas, Texas, has attended the West Point school. "Billy" has been an active member of the Future Farmers organization and of the Safety Patrol.

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CHARLES MILLER was born in Sweet Hall, where he attended school for three years, entering the West Point Elementary

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## Other Classes End Successful Year

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## Run Gamut of Activities

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### ANNUAL PARTY HIGHLIGHTS SCHOOL SOCIAL EVENTS OF YEAR

#### Eighth Grade First on List

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The members of the Junior, Sophomore, Freshman, and Eighth Grade classes each stepped up a notch as the session 1948-1949 ended.

Highlighting the year for each of the classes was the an-

nual class party held during May. The Eighth Grade was first on the calendar. On Saturday, May 21, the members of this class with Mrs. Geyer, class sponsor, journeyed to Westmoreland Park for an unforgettable picnic. The Freshmen, with Mr. Kolcum, their class sponsor, also enjoyed a picnic. They went to the Jamestown

#### Seniors Entertain In Auditorium

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4-H Club Park on Friday, May 27. On the same evening the Sophomore-Junior Class and Mrs. Cluverius entertained the Seniors at a delightful party-dance in the High School auditorium.





JUNIOR CLASS



SOPHOMORE CLASS



## JUNIOR CLASS

First row, left to right: *James Modr, Wallace Bowes, Elvira Fary.*

Second row: *Mrs. Cluverius, Henry Drudge, Allen Brown, James Smith, Donald Dickerson.*

### JUNIOR-SOPHOMORE ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

<i>President</i> .....	James Robbins
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Barbara Reynolds
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Kenneth Turner
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Doris Anderson
<i>S. C. A. Representative</i> .....	Bynum Westmoreland
<i>Reporter</i> .....	Anita Norman
<i>Sponsor</i> .....	Mrs. Cluverius

## SOPHOMORE CLASS

First row, left to right: *Anita Norman, Kathryn Putnam, Mary Langhorne Howell, Doris Anderson, Drue Garrett.*

Second row: *Mollie Gregory, Agnes Krakoviak, Jacqueline Johnson, Barbara Reynolds.*

Third row: *Jane Topping, Virginia Sturtz, Dorothy Sessions, Mrs. Cluverius, Elton Fauber.*

Fourth row: *Paul Haigler, Bynum Westmoreland, Edward Kopacki, Helen Boster, Theresa Czablewski, William Haynes, Donald Jacks.*

Fifth row: *James Robbins, Richard Daniel, Robert Wilson, Edward Jackowski, Kenneth Turner, Stanley Janosky, Burke Johnson.*





FRESHMAN CLASS



EIGHTH GRADE



## FRESHMAN CLASS

First row, left to right: *James Riddle, John Hasty, Thelma Forrest, Graham Evans, James Orrell, Jack Dyson.*

Second row: *Mary Anne Garrett, Susanna Carter, Alice Jean Miller, Sidney Newton, Carroll Dixon, Adam Wajciechowski, Henry Rublick, Donald Torbert.*

Third row: *Joan Czablewski, Sarah Alice Harris, Helen Gintout, Dallas Wyatt, Donald Hite, Emil Boster, Billy Haigler.*

Fourth row: *Ivan Styles, Meredith Hurt, Mary Anne Martin.*

Fifth row: *Joseph Seckora, Charles Downey, Mr. Kolcum, Gary Schultz.*

Absent: *Rose Berry, Martha Sayez.*

### OFFICERS

<i>President</i> .....	<i>John Hasty</i>
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	<i>Graham Evans</i>
<i>Secretary</i> .....	<i>Thelma Forrest</i>
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	<i>James Riddle</i>
<i>Reporter</i> .....	<i>James Orrell</i>
<i>S. C. A. Representative</i> .....	<i>Jack Dyson</i>
<i>Sponsor</i> .....	<i>Mr. Kolcum</i>

## EIGHTH GRADE

First row, left to right: *Maurice Briggs, Christine Hogge, Olen Sikes, Mary Montague Hudson, Elizabeth Bassett, Joanne Staniuf.*

Second row: *Barbara Anne Trimmer, Myrtle Ashley, Catherine Buch, Joyce Walker, Barbara Traugott.*

Third row: *James McDonald, Philip Trimmer, John Lash, John Guthrie, Clarence Hood, Teresa Fudala, Jean Carter.*

Fourth row: *Robert Moskalski, Wilbert Hodges, Warren Carter, Richard Brown, Mrs. Geyer.*

Absent: *Anne Roberts.*

### OFFICERS

<i>President</i> .....	<i>Olen Sikes</i>
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	<i>Christine Hogge</i>
<i>Secretary</i> .....	<i>Maurice Briggs</i>
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	<i>Joanne Staniuf</i>
<i>Librarian</i> .....	<i>Elizabeth Bassett</i>
<i>S. C. A. Representative</i> .....	<i>Mary Montague Hudson</i>
<i>Sponsor</i> .....	<i>Mrs. Geyer</i>



## Recreational Activities Brighten School Days

Dances planned by the S. C. A. Recreation Committee, May Day, and the social affairs honoring the seniors, and commencement activities, added sparkle to the routine of school days during the 1948-49 session.

### SCHOOL DANCES

The Recreation Committee, with Margaret Ashley as general chairman and Peggy Evans

as dance chairman, sponsored four dances. The first was an informal dance on November 24. Pumpkins and corn decorations appropriate to the harvest season made this a gala affair. The Christmas dance took place December 17. Attractive decorations, former students home for the holidays, and the prospect of a long Christmas vacation, all contributed to the

gaiety of this occasion. The first formal affair of the year was the Valentine dance, February 11. This began with a grand march in the auditorium, beautifully decorated with cupids and hearts. On the evening of May 9, May Day festivities were brought to an end with a formal dance featuring a figure led by the members of the May Court.



Top, left to right: *Thanksgiving and Christmas Dances*  
Bottom, left to right: *Valentine and May Day Dances*

## May Day---One of School's Big Events

May Day, a celebration honoring the Five Point pupils of the elementary and high schools, was held during the afternoon of May 9th.

The festivities began with a concert by the school band. William Ratcliffe, master of ceremonies, then welcomed the large audience and explained the health requirements necessary to receive a gold star, or blue star certificate.

The heralds then announced the entrance of the "Health Court."

KING: Herbert Haynes.

PAGES: Temple Hooper and Lewis Moskalski.

CROWN BEARERS: Wylie Ogg and Robert Sutton.

KING'S ATTENDANTS: Richard Daniel, Franklin Roberts, Burke Johnson, Donald Dickerson, Johnny Hasty and Otis Bristow.

QUEEN: Anne Humphreys.  
MAID OF HONOR: Margaret Evans.

TRAIN BEARERS: Christine Kruse and Anne Rilee.

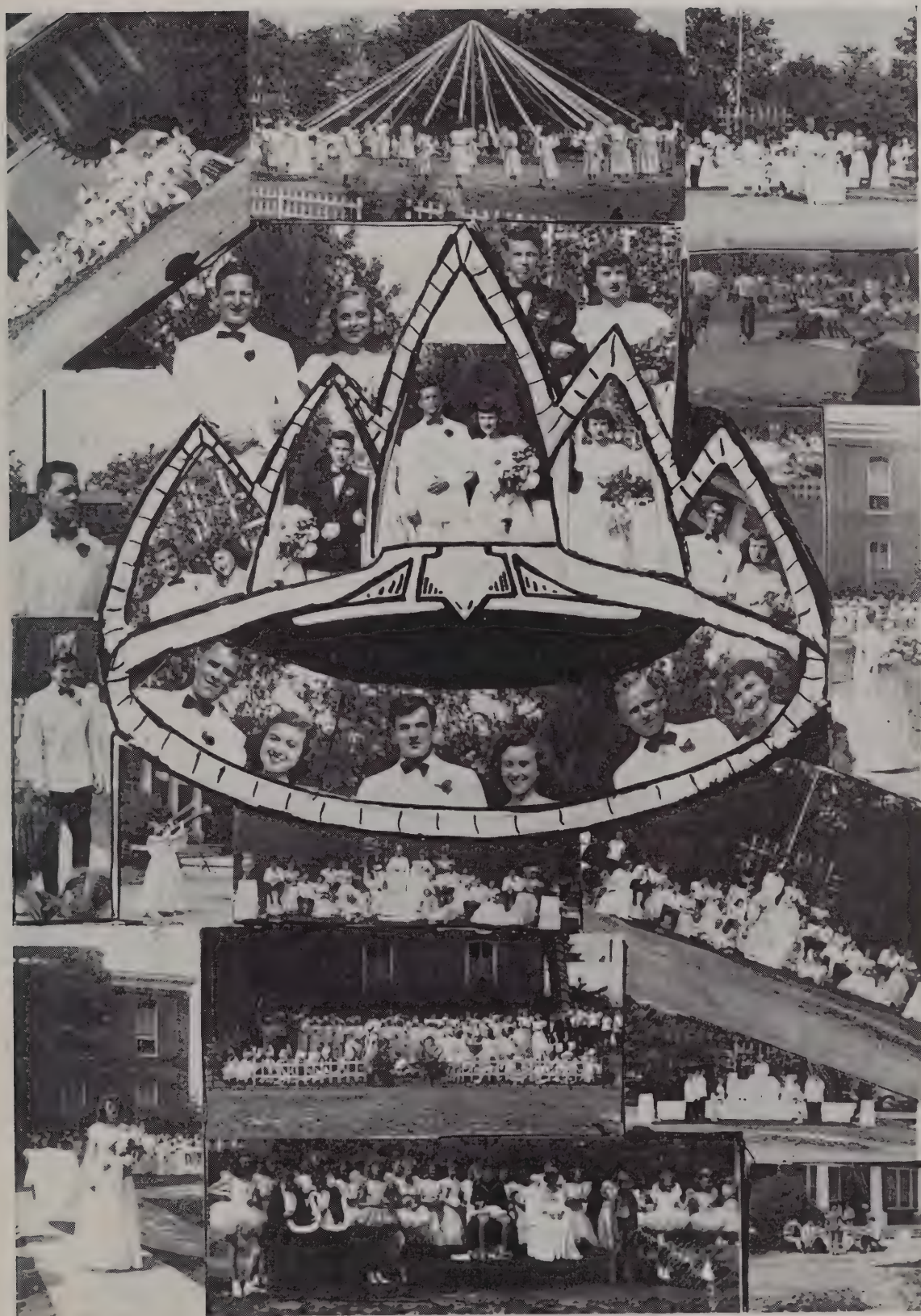
FLOWER GIRLS: Jean Seward, Jean Page Rilee, Suzanne Borum and Peggy Kemp.

QUEEN'S ATTENDANTS: Barbara Dyson, Barbara Guzik, Margaret Ashley, Anita Norman, Barbara Reynolds and

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## May Day





## MAY DAY

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Joyce Walker.

HERALDS: Thelma Forrest and Jane Topping.

The following program was presented for the entertainment of the Court and audience:

*Mistress Mary and Her Garden*, Grades 1 and 2.

*The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe with Her Health Children*, Grades 3 and 4.

*King Cole, Queen and Court*, Grades 5, 6 and 7.

The high school boys gave a group of "warming up" exercises and a tumbling act. High school boys and girls then entertained with the grand march and folk dancing. The traditional May Pole dance closed the program.

At the close of each performance, the King and Queen awarded certificates to the Five Point pupils. Seventy per cent of the entire school enrollment had attained the Five Point Health Standard.

The Beta Club contributed to the success of the day by selling attractive Health Day programs and refreshments, appropriate for a warm afternoon.

The King and Queen with their court and "subjects" retired amidst applause and much picture taking.

## Commencement Takes Spotlight

A commencement sermon on June 5 and graduation exercises on June 10 marked the finals for the Class of '49.

The Rev. James P. Lincoln,

rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, preached the sermon at the exercises held on Sunday evening in the Methodist Church. Using as his subject "What Is Life?," Mr. Lincoln gave the class an inspiring message. The other local ministers, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Harris and Mr. Orrell, assisted Mr. Lincoln in the services. The Choral Club sang Schubert's "Ave Maria."

The forty-third annual graduation exercises were held in the West Point High School auditorium on Friday evening, June 10. Following the invocation delivered by the Rev. C. J. Jakubowski and a selection by the Choral Club, Barbara Guzik, the class president, introduced the program theme, "The School Situation in Virginia." Anne Humphreys, Margaret Ashley and Margaret Evans discussed the most important school problems: Teacher Shortage, Inadequate Buildings, and the Equalization Issue. William Robertson and William P. Hall, Jr., talked on the most often proposed solutions to these problems: Increased Revenues for Schools and Consolidation. Barbara Dyson completed the discussion with a talk on The Candidates for Governor and the School Issue.

The class, through its president, Barbara Guzik, presented the school with a steel case for storing the caps and gowns used by the senior classes.

Mr. H. A. Humphreys, principal, made the annual awards to members of the graduating class. Barbara Dyson was declared the "honor student," whose name will be engraved on the school's honor plaque. She also has the distinction of maintaining the highest scholastic average during her four years of high school. Margaret Ashley received The Chesapeake award for achievement in the field of music.

At the close of the exercises, Mr. Humphreys, assisted by Mr. W. E. Garber, superintendent, awarded diplomas to the twenty-three seniors.

### SENIOR PARTIES

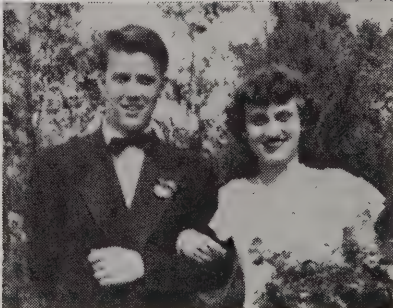
As the session drew to a close the round of social affairs honoring the members of the graduating class began.

Customarily the Lions Club entertained the senior classes of the West Point and New Kent High Schools at a buffet supper and dance on May 13 in the New Kent gymnasium.

On May 16 the Seniors were the dinner guests of the West Point Kiwanis Club at the West Point Hotel. Mr. T. Gray Hadson, Commonwealth's Attorney, of Richmond, was the guest speaker on this occasion.

The combined Sophomore and Junior Classes entertained the Seniors and the members of the faculty at a party-dance on May 27 in the High School auditorium. Delicious refreshments, attractive decorations, and an amusing program added to the fun of the occasion.

Following the graduation exercises on June 10, Mrs. Graham L. Evans entertained the graduating class at a delightful informal party in the home of Mrs. A. T. Donnell.



King and Queen, Heralds, Master of Ceremonies and Maid of Honor





MAY DAY COURT SCENE: Back row, left to right: *Jane Topping*, (in background *Mr. Briggs*), *Burke Johnson*, *Barbara Reynolds*, *Johnny Hasty*, *Anita Norman*, *Richard Daniel*, *Barbara Dyson*, *William Robertson*, *Putsy Haynes*, King; *Anne Humphreys*, Queen; *Margaret Evans*, *Franklin Roberts*, *Bebe Guzik*, *Otis Bristow*, *Margaret Ashley*, *Donald Dickerson*, *Joyce Walker*, *Thelma Forrest*; children in first row, left to right: *Temple Hooper*, *Robert Sutton*, *Jean Page Rilee*, *Suzanne Borum*, *Ann Rilee*, *Christine Kruse*, *Peggy Kemp*, *Lewis Moskalski*, *Jean Seward* and *Wiley Ogg*.

## Seniors Pass in Review

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School in the fourth grade. Charles, who plans to be a farmer, has been an active member of the Future Farmers organization. He also belonged to the Hobbies Club.

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CYRIL PETKE, from Sweet Hall, Virginia, was a student in the Sweet Hall School during the first three grades. He joined the Class of '49 in the fourth grade. Cyril holds membership in the Athletic Association and the Keys and Kues Club.

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WILLIAM ERNEST ROBERTSON, president of the Student Association, has been a member of the Class of 1949 since his sophomore year. Previously he had attended thirteen different Virginia and West Virginia schools. "Billy" was secretary of the Athletic Association, business manager of the football and basketball teams, and a member of the Beta Club.

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FRANKLIN TEMPLE ROBERTS' schooling has all been in West Point. In high school he has been especially interested in dramatics. Franklin has taken part in several plays, among them "Three's A Crowd," the prize-winning one-act contest

play. He was also a member of the Choral Club, Athletic Association, and of the basketball team. Much of his leisure time has been spent in pursuing his hobby—flying.

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MARGARET FRANCES SKUERS entered West Point High School as a freshman, having previously attended the Sweet Hall School and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School. As a senior, Margaret has been president of the Home Economics Club and vice-president of Keys and Kues.

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JAMES TRIMMER entered the West Point Elementary School in the fifth grade, having previously attended Sweet Hall School. James is very interested in the work of the Future Farmers Association, having served as its reporter. He has won a forestry judging contest sponsored by the F. F. A. regional federation. He held membership also in the Athletic Association and in Keys and Kues.

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AGNES WAJCIECHOWSKI entered the West Point Elementary School in the fourth grade, after having attended the Port Richmond School. Agnes has been

a member of the Safety Patrol, Keys and Kues, Home Economics Club, and the Hobbies Club.

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Another first grader in 1938 to receive her diploma last evening was CONSTANCE ARLENE WOLFF. "Sissy," a commercial student, has been especially interested in the activities of Keys and Kues. She was also active in Physical Education and a member of the Dramatic Club.

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JOSEPH CLAY WOODIE came to West Point from West Jefferson, North Carolina, and entered the fifth grade. Clay left at the end of the session, to return again when a freshman in high school. His chief interests have been in athletics. He was on the football team and manager of the basketball team.

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The final diploma was handed to VIRGINIA HELEN WROBLICK, who entered West Point High School as a freshman, after having attended Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School. During her senior year Virginia was vice-president of the Home Economics Club, secretary of the Safety Patrol, and a member of Keys and Kues and the Hobbies Club.



# SNAP SHOTS



1. Empty-nine years ago!
2. And sugar and spice.
3. Waltz time.
4. Which has the Toni??
5. Listen to me and you shall hear.
6. The golden rule!?!?
7. Time out
8. Contemplation, or, to read or not to read.

9. Stop that noise!!
10. Papa Jack.
11. Such service.
12. "Stepping out."
13. Big time operators.
14. What happened??
15. Best foot forward.
16. Cheese!
17. Waiting??
18. Big toot!

19. Handball team???
20. Wolf at work.
21. Have one on the House.
22. Keep away from my man!
23. Who was a jolly old soul.
24. Tune time.
25. Swoon time.
26. A frisky fellow.



# The Point

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West Point, Virginia, June 11, 1949

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## Student Organizations Hold Final Meetings

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### Athletic Association Was First At the School

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#### FORMING OF VARIOUS GROUPS CITED IN STUDY OF RECORDS

#### Unit Appeared On Scene in '08

The West Point High School clubs and S. C. A. committees held their final meetings during the month of May. There are today, in addition to the Student Association with its service committees, eleven organizations and two publication staffs.

When the High School was

established in 1906, there were no student organizations. In 1908 an athletic association was formed; in 1911, a literary society; in 1914, a chorus, and in 1915, the Student Association. These four organizations are still in existence.

Since that time many other organizations have been formed, some of which were short lived. The 1916 Skeeter lists such organizations as the Jitney Club,

#### Activities Are Expanded

Bloomers Club, the Kickers, the Loafers, and "It" Club.

Through the years the program of club activities has been much expanded both in numbers of organizations and in the importance of these groups as an essential part of the school program.



# Athletic Association Oldest Organization

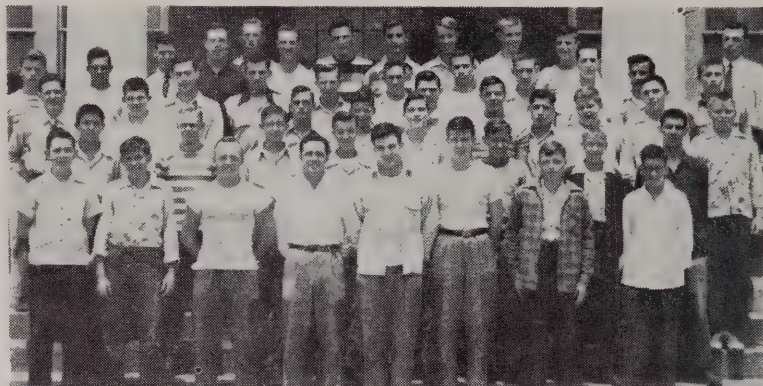
The High School's oldest organization is the ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION formed in 1908 to sponsor organized athletics. However, the Athletic Editor of the 1916 Skeeter states that there were no real organized athletics until the session 1915-1916. In that year the boys played interscholastic football, basketball and baseball and participated in track meets. The girls' basketball team, known as Tompkins Tigers, also engaged in interscholastic games and sometimes they won, cheered by their favorite yell—

*Tutti Frutti!*

*Punch and Judy!*

*Our team will do its duty;*

*Don't you worry,*



ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

the boys. The officers of the association are Otis Bristow, president; Herbert Haynes, vice-president; William Ratcliffe,

had a literary society since 1911, when the Pierian Society was organized. This organization met on Monday evenings and in 1916 had a membership of seventy-two. Then, as now, the Literary Society was the organization in which students were trained for participation in the contests sponsored by the State Literary-Athletic League of which West Point has been a member since 1913.

In 1919, the society was re-organized and given its present name, THE RUFFNER LITERARY SOCIETY. To satisfy the need for friendly rivalry and competition, the Howerton Literary Society was organized November 16, 1923. In 1935, the members of both organizations decided to merge under the name, Ruffner Literary Society.

This session one group of the



TOMPKINS TIGERS—1916

*Don't you fret,*

*The Tigers will get there yet!*

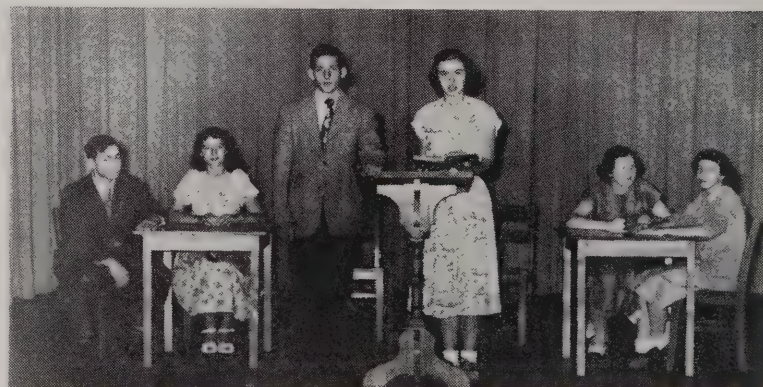
The Athletic Association has always been a popular organization, but has functioned with varying success because often the school lacked a properly trained athletic director. In those earlier years the school owed much of its success in athletic contests to David Feild, a former graduate of West Point High School, who served for several years as coach. In later years help in coaching was given by Forest Kirby and Tom Wolfe, both former West Point students.

This session the Athletic Association has sponsored football, basketball, and track teams for

secretary, and Thomas Hooper, treasurer. Mr. Haynes and Mr. Kolcum coached the athletic teams.

West Point High School has

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LITERARY SOCIETY





CHORAL CLUB

## Choral Club

There was a high school chorus in 1914. Later this group was discontinued and not until 1931, under Mr. Fred Helsabeck, was the present Choral Club organized. Mrs. Geyer has been directing the Choral Club since 1944.

The CHORAL CLUB meets twice a week and has thirty-six members. Margaret Evans is its president. Especial activities during the school session have included a program given for the King William County Woman's Club at the Christmas season; assistance to the Dramatic Club in presenting a Christmas Pageant at the School Assembly, and singing a group of songs for the March meeting of the P. T. A. The club also rendered music appropriate to the carrying out of the pageantry at the Health Day

program in May and a group from the club and Donald Dickerson, soloist, participated in the State Music Festival. The year's activities concluded with

ing in drama appreciation and production. Miss Elizabeth Jones was the first director of this organization.

Dramatics this session was very successful. Bolstered by the appearance of several new faces, the more experienced members were able to carry on in good fashion.

The one-act play entered in the State Festival represented this district after having received a rating of "Distinguished" at the meet in Charles City. At the regional eliminations in Newport News, this same play was rated "Superior." The play, a delightful comedy entitled "*Cupid's Bow*," included the following: Mary Langhorne Howell, Jane Topping, Richard Daniel and John Hasty.

The three-act play this spring,



SCENE FROM "A LITTLE CLODHOPPER"

special numbers for the Commencement Sermon and Graduation Exercises.

The DRAMATIC CLUB was organized in 1931 to give train-

"A Little Clodhopper," with half the cast made up of new members, was greeted very nicely by the audience. Departing somewhat from the usual, this play contained a little of everything: drama, comedy and music were well represented. Barbara Dyson, Jacqueline Johnson, Franklin Roberts, Otis Bristow and Herbert Haynes were the old members in the cast. Making their first appearances in the play were Elizabeth Ann Bassett, Mary Montague Hudson, Burke Johnson and Donald Dickerson. Virginia Wrobleck supplied some of the music on the accordion and Donald Dick-



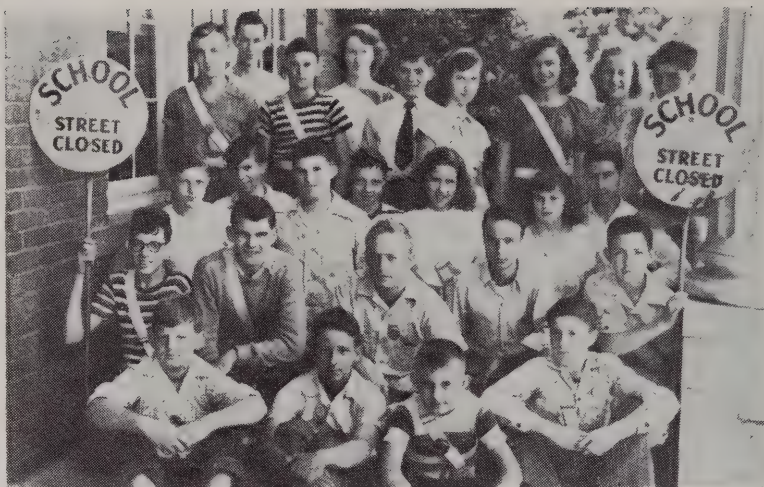
BETA CLUB

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## Safety Patrol

The SAFETY PATROL, a national organization sponsored by the A. A. A., was begun in West Point High School in the session 1940-41. This organization has played an important part in our school life. The patrol in 1940-41 consisted of thirteen members and has now increased to twenty-five. Jimmy Sears was the first captain, assisted by Carter Cole and Corbett Roberts as lieutenants. These jobs have been handed down to the present staff consisting of: Captain, Tommy Hooper; lieutenants, James Robins and Edward Kopakie, and twenty-three patrols. Their jobs are to furnish patrols for the bus, each home room and each end of Twelfth Street during the lunch period. The patrols also assist the lunch teacher on the grounds in

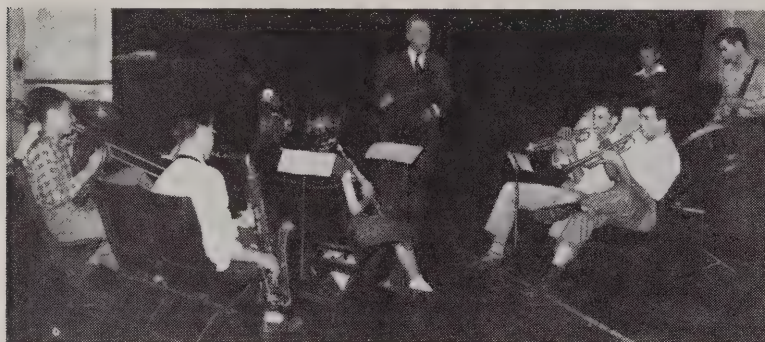


SAFETY PATROL

## Homemakers

The Home Economics Club was organized in 1943 by Miss Nan Duer. In 1946 it was affiliated with the Future Home-

Point High School with the West Point club as hostess. The club had a Christmas tea and bazaar for the purpose of raising money for National Club dues and served several dinners during the year for the principals at their meeting. This club joined with the F. F. A. in a magazine campaign. With part of the money a floor lamp and scatter rugs were purchased for the apartment. In March the club again joined the F. F. A. for a much enjoyed social. The boys provided entertainment and the girls refreshments. In April the senior girls spent a week-end at the apartment. They took complete charge of managing it with Miss Staples' supervision, and had a lot of fun too. It is hoped that



BAND

watching over the grade school children.

## School Band

Although the WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL BAND is small this year it has been able to make very good music. This is due not only to the musicianship of its members, but to the fact that the various instruments used are in well balanced numbers. Besides the playing group, there are others who receive lessons but have not yet acquired sufficient skill to play in the Band. These pupils hope to be in the Band next year. Mr. C. C. Briggs is director of the Band.

makers of America and is now called the NAN DUER CHAPTER OF THE FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA.

In the Fall of 1948 the Federation held its meeting at West

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FUTURE HOMEMAKERS





PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

### *Photography Club*

The Photography and Aeronautics Clubs were the first to start what is now known as the **HOBBIES CLUB**, whose main objective is to inspire young people to have a hobby of their own.

The Photography Club was founded in 1945 with Mr. Humphreys as sponsor. The first president was Henry Voznick. This club is especially fortunate in having for its sponsor an amateur photographer, who has equipment that the club members enjoy using. Each year the Photography Club holds a photography contest for the entire school.

The Airplane Club began with Mr. Adams as sponsor. It is now known as the Aeronautics

Club and is sponsored by Mr. Haynes.

### *Orange and Blue*

Since the re-establishment of a school paper in the 1945-1946

school life. Margaret Ashley, assistant editor, and Barbara Guzik, special editor, have contributed interesting stories to every issue. Little known facts concerning the town and school have been looked up and reported by Jacqueline Johnson and Jane Topping. Herbert Haynes covered all athletic contests as sports editor. Kathryn Putnam, art editor, spent many minutes working at the mast-head and drawings. The Christmas issue contained much of her work. To Barbara Dyson, as editor-in-chief, fell the mammoth job of co-ordinating all the activities, correcting the work, selecting stories, making assignments, and nervously and patiently watching typists Anne Humphreys and Joyce Highland bring ideas into reality. No little credit is due Bynum West-



ORANGE AND BLUE REVIEW STAFF

session, the **ORANGE AND BLUE REVIEW** has become an important part of the students'

moreland, who, as business manager, was responsible for seeing the papers delivered and the money collected and deposited.

This year saw the birth of two new ideas which, it is hoped, will continue. One is the Student Opinion Page on which students give their opinions concerning certain questions. The other is the Senior Issue, which was devoted entirely to the seniors. Biographical sketches, future plans and senior autographs feature this last issue of the school year.

### *Science Club*

The **SCIENCE CLUB** of West Point High School was organized in 1947. It has as its pri-



SCIENCE CLUB

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## Future Farmers

THE WEST POINT CHAPTER OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, a national organization, is composed of chartered state associations which, in turn, are made up of local chapters situated in high schools having departments of vocational agriculture. The West Point Chapter was organized and received its charter at the beginning of the 1948-1949 school session, which was also the first year of vocational agriculture.

Officers serving for the year are as follows: President, Herbert Haynes; vice-president, Thomas Hooper; secretary, James Coleman; treasurer, Allen Brown; reporter, James Trimmer; sentinel, James Modr, and adviser, S. U. Ferguson.



FUTURE FARMERS

The West Point Chapter has entered the following contests during the past year: (1) Forestry Judging Contest, (2) Public Speaking Contest, (3) Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, (4) State Chapter Contest. Roland

Speaking Contest. Results of the other contest will not be known until the State F. F. A. Convention is held at V. P. I. the last week in June.

The F. F. A. sponsored jointly with the F. H. A., its sister organization, a social which was held March 23, with forty-two members present. Thanks are due Thomas Hooper and his committee for excellent work on this project.

The chapter has as its colors, National blue and corn gold and its motto is as follows:

*Learning to Do  
Doing to Learn  
Earning to Live  
Living to Serve*

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## Keys and Kues Klub

The KEYS AND KUES KLUB, the first commercial club of West Point High School, was organized on Friday, November

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FORESTRY JUDGING GROUP

In the F. F. A. Chapter members learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in a public meeting; to speak in public; to buy and sell co-operatively; to solve their own problems; to finance themselves, and to assume civic responsibility. The foundation upon which the F. F. A. is built, includes leadership and character development, sportsmanship, co-operation, service, thrift, scholarship, improved agriculture, organized recreation, citizenship, and patriotism.

Each member of the West Point Chapter is also a member of the Tidewater F. F. A. Federation, which includes F. F. A. Chapters in surrounding counties.

Haynes and James Trimmer won for our chapter the Federation Forestry Judging Contest and Roland Haynes tied with Jimmy Garber, of King William, for second place in the Public



KEYS AND KUES KLUB





## HIGH SCHOOL WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### TAKES FIRST IN CLASS C TRACK

The absence of track for two years at West Point seemed to be no hindrance as far as track activities were concerned. Because of the lack of interest on the part of other Group III schools, meets were impossible to schedule. The Pointers were forced to enter the State Championship Meet practically untested. In spite of these conditions, West Point came back from Charlottesville with the Group III title.

At the Highland Springs Invitational Meet, West Point came in a strong third, just 2½ points behind Glen Allen. Kenneth Turner showed very good form in the 440 for West Point's only first place. Wilson, Riddle, Schultz, and Petke turned in good performances against the larger schools.

It was at Charlottesville, however, that the Pointers showed their strength. They scored 42 1-3 points to their nearest opponent's 20 1-3. Double wins were scored by Schultz in the 100 and 220, and by Wilson in the shot put and discus. All except two members of the team scored at Charlottesville.

Those who scored points in track were: Riddle, Turner, Schultz, Petke, Wilson, Dickerson, Downey, Berry, Johnson, and Hasty.

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

*Backward, turn backward,  
O Time, in your flight,  
And tell me just one thing  
I studied last night.*

Lots of people spend time making money and then spend money killing time.—(Star Yeland).

You are educated if you can do what you ought, whether you want to do it or not.—Herbert Spencer.

### KEYS AND KUES CLUB

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19, 1948, with Miss Ethel Gaines as sponsor.

The objectives of this club are to understand the part played by small businesses in our community, and to become acquainted with the town's job possibilities for people with business backgrounds. The requirements for membership are an ambition to work in the field of store or office occupations, a willingness to work with others in improving school and community relationships, and the studying of one or more business subjects.

The officers of this club are: President, Thomas Hooper; vice-president, Margaret Skuers; secretary, Thersa Czablewski; corresponding secretary, Joyce Highland, and reporter, Allen Brown.

### FUTURE HOMEMAKERS

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this will become an annual event.

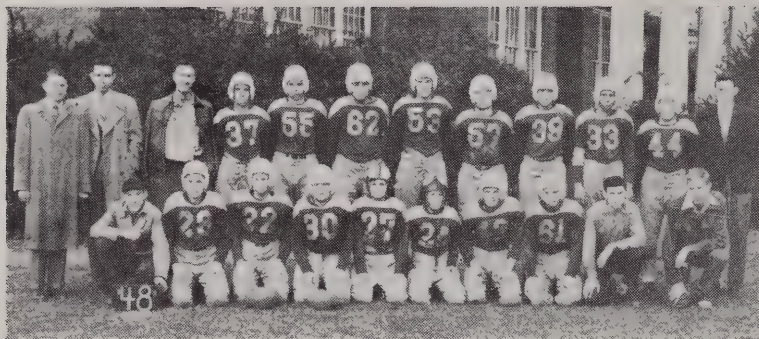
The objectives of F. H. A. are to encourage and give an opportunity for the members to use their initiative in planning and carrying out activities related to homemaking. F. H. A. members also are interested in and working toward better home and family living.



### TRACK TEAM

Front row, left to right: Johnson, Hasty, Petke, Berry, Evans  
Second row, left to right: Kolcum, Riddle, Schultz, Wilson,  
Turner, Dickerson, Downey, Hodges





#### FOOTBALL TEAM—1948

Back row, standing: *Sears, Haynes, Schultz, Berry, Robbins, Woodie, Turner, Hall, Johnson, Haigler, Hooper, Robertson.*  
Front row, kneeling: *Westmoreland, Orrell, Hasty, Dixon, Rublick, Wajciechowski, Wyatt, Trimmer, Drudge, Riddle.*

## Football

### *Team Wins Four, Loses Three Games*

The football season was scheduled to start officially on October 1, 1948, with a game against Botetourt High School. However, the season was opened against New Kent on October 8. The team played a total of seven games during the season, winning four of them.

The football squad members elected Herbert Haynes as captain and William Hall as co-captain. Players receiving letters were: William Hall, James Trimmer, James Robbins, Gary Schultz, Clay Woodie, Tommy Hooper, Herbert Haynes, Burke Johnson, Paul Haigler, James Berry, Dallas Wyatt and Johnny Hasty. Seniors on the team were: Herbert Haynes, William Hall, James Trimmer, Clay

Woodie, Tommy Hooper and James Berry.

The points in all games are as follows:

West Point	25
New Kent	20
West Point	32
Achilles	37
West Point	26
Christchurch	58
West Point	14
New Kent	44
West Point	34
Botetourt	16
West Point	36
Battlefield Park	30
West Point	27
Botetourt	12

*Robert E. Sherwood:* The happiest miser on earth—the man who saves up every friend he can make.

*Holbrook Jackson:* Happiness is a form of courage.

Whatever isn't growing, wears out.—*Elliott Paul.*

## SCIENCE CLUB

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mary aim the encouragement and fostering of a knowledge and appreciation of scientific principles and modern developments in the field of natural sciences. The activities of the club include programs relevant to the interests of the individual members and brief summaries of current events in science.

The Science Club of this school is affiliated with the Science Clubs of America, a national organization of high school boys and girls interested in the field of science. Through membership in such an organization, individual clubs are able to exchange ideas and information of specific interest to them. Science Service, which sponsors the Science Clubs, also administers the annual Science Talent Search devised to discover outstanding scientific ability among high school students. William Hall, from West Point, entered the competition this year.

In May, several members of the Science Club attended the meeting of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science, held in Richmond, Virginia, where they had an opportunity to meet fellow club members and saw a very excellent movie on Atomic Energy and its implications.

William Hall, the present president of the Science Club, has been interested in the organization from its beginning two years ago. Bynum Westmoreland is vice-president and Drue Garrett, secretary.



FOOTBALL TEAM, 1916—Front row: D. Feild, J. Pumphrey, J. Smith, E. Henshaw, S. Richardson, L. Mulford, T. Pumphrey. Back row: P. Gault, Mr. Tompkins, L. Puller, J. Holland, E. Steere.



#### CHEER LEADERS—1948

*Ashley, Anderson, Guzik, Reynolds, Newton*



# Basketball

## Thirteen Games Won, Seven Are Lost

The West Point High School basketball team opened its season on January 6, 1949, against Toano High School and closed the season against the American Legion team, of West Point, on March 8. The team played a total of twenty games, winning thirteen of them. The West Point team scored a total of 608 points to their opponents' 506 points.

In the District E tournament held at Mathews High School on February 25 and 26, West Point was presented a trophy for winning second place. Jimmy Riddle, captain of the team, was selected as center on the all-tournament team. Also, each of the varsity players was awarded a silver basketball for being on the runner-up team.

The West Point Jr. Varsity team won eleven out of the sixteen games they played during the season. The Jr. Varsity team elected tri-captains, since the votes tied. They were: Warren Carter, Dallas Wyatt and Adam Wajchiechowski.

### Cheering Squad

A cheering squad led by Doris Anderson, Margaret Ashley, Barbara Guzik, Sidney Newton and Barbara Reynolds added to the color and enthusiasm of



BASKETBALL TEAM—1949

Front row: Woodie, Seckora, Westmoreland, Berry, Haigler, Bowes. Second row: R. Haynes, Downey, H. Haynes, Jackowski, Dickerson, Riddle, Drudge, Turner, Schultz, Bristow.

all the athletic contests held during the session. These cheer leaders are elected by the Student Association.

When, after 17 years, I revisited my old grammar school, I found one of my teachers still there, patiently coaxing awkward little fists to make graceful ovals in their Palmer Method books. I said, "It seems to me it would be deadly, teaching the same old things, over and over, year after year."

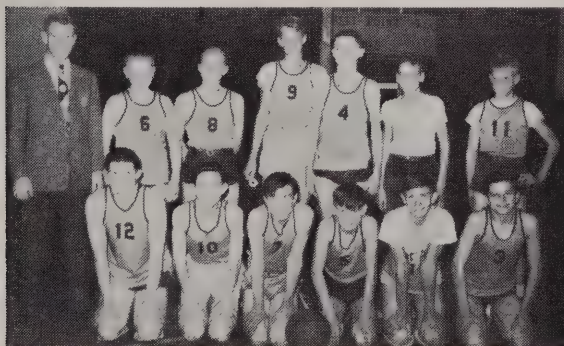
Her brows went up in mild surprise at a new idea, but she nodded in sudden agreement. "Yes, I suppose it would." Then a proud little smile crossed her face as she said, "But I'm teaching children!"

*Socrates:* If all our misfortunes were laid on one common heap, whence everyone must take an equal portion, most people would be content to take their own and depart.

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

After the day is over  
And the passers-by are rare  
The lights burn low in the barber-shop  
And the shades are drawn with care  
To hide the haughty barbers  
Cutting each other's hair.

(The Tales the Barbers Tell)



JUNIOR VARSITY—1949

Front row: Hodges, Briggs, Trimmer, Wajciechowski, Guthrie, Wroblek. Second row: Kolcum, Torbert, Hasty, Carter, Orrell, McDonald, Evans.



BASKETBALL TEAM—1916

Mr. Tompkins, D. Field, J. Smith, E. Henshaw, L. Puller, T. Pumphrey.



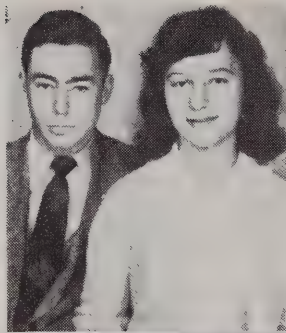
# VITAL STATISTICS

*Most Intelligent*

WILLIAM HALL

BEBE GUZIK

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*Most Likely To Succeed*

BILL RATCLIFFE

BARBARA DYSON

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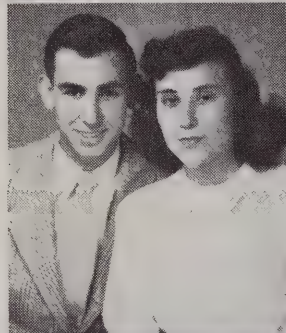


*Best Looking*

RICHARD DANIEL

MARGARET ASHLEY

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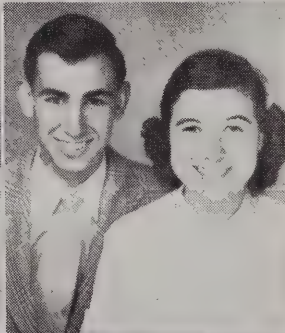


*Best Dressed*

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BARBARA REYNOLDS

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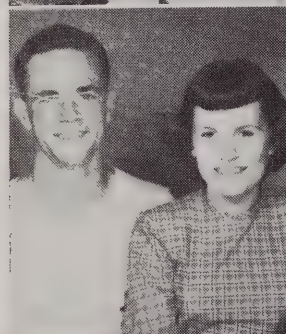


*Cutest*

PUTSY HAYNES

ANNE HUMPHREYS

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*Most Cheerful*

BUDDY EVANS

ANITA NORMAN

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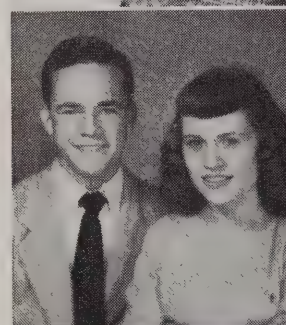


*Most Popular*

PUTSY HAYNES

ANNE HUMPHREYS

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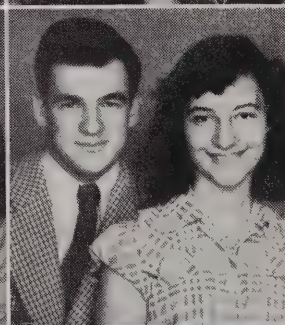


*Best All-round*

BOOTSIE BRISTOW

BEBE GUZIK

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*Wittiest*

DON DICKERSON

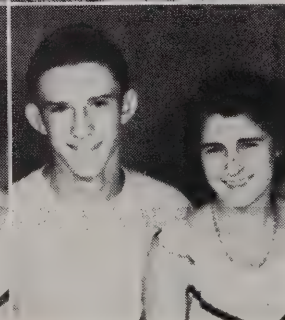
AGNES KRAKOVIAK



*Most Athletic*

KENNETH TURNER

AGNES KRAKOVIAK





# OBITUARIES

Services were held Friday night, June tenth, in the auditorium of the West Point High School for those, who, ending a chapter in their life, were ready to be sent on their way to a bigger world. This was a sad scene for the close friends and relatives who had watched them through their school life.

\* \* \*

OTIS BRISTOW met his sad fate when he was forced from his motor scooter. He leaves us to explore a different kind of life at V. P. I.

\* \* \*

We regret to inform the students that there may never be two better athletes than BEERY, who has a good eye for the basket, and PUTSY, our star football player. They leave to see the world with the U. S. Air Force.

\* \* \*

BILL ROBERTSON was taken suddenly with a fatal case of "run down battery" in physics class, and leaves to inspect more thoroughly the "Ford parts."

\* \* \*

MARGARET ASHLEY leaves and is survived by Kathryn Putnam and a much over-worked piano.

\* \* \*

For those who were looking forward to a year of biscuits and congo bars, it was a sad day when MARGARET SKUERS and VIRGINIA WROBLICK washed dishes for the last time in the Home Economics kitchen.

\* \* \*

CLAY WOODIE, one of the many seniors caught in the tragedy of Macbeth, rendered a loud sigh of relief when he arrived at the fifth act. He will spend a quiet life in the hardware business.

\* \* \*

AGNES WAJCIECHOWSKI's fatal steps were taken when she

taught Mr. Haynes to "polka." She leaves to the school the new tradition of dancing the "polka" during lunch hour.

\* \* \*

JOYCE HIGHLAND and ANNE HUMPHREYS left their mark of fame in the commercial department. The fact that they proved that one may type with both accuracy and speed gives a goal for which the future typing students may strive.

\* \* \*

JAMES TRIMMER left his epitaph taken from a poem by Stockson, which we will quote:

*"After the battle sleep is best,  
After noise, tranquillity."*

We know that he will find all of this on a farm he has planned to own some day.

\* \* \*

WILLIAM HALL was caught in the catastrophe of the "Atomic Age" and from this time on will be hopelessly lost in the world of scientists and their new devices for splitting atoms.

\* \* \*

PEGGY EVANS's last remark before she left was that she would sell, lend, lease or rent her chemistry notebook of unbalanced equations to anyone not planning to take up science as a career.

\* \* \*

FRANKLIN ROBERTS heaved out a fervent last wish that Mrs. Cluverius would in the future require algebra students to solve for "P" rather than "X," as had been his custom.

\* \* \*

TOMMY HOOPER, unlike his brother, Billy, who is a paratrooper, was allergic to high places. In the future he will sail the seas with the U. S. Navy.

BARBARA DYSON leaves us to try her wings in a new area of speech and drama. She is survived by Jacqueline Johnson to uphold the reputation of the high school's drama department.

\* \* \*

BILLY JONES left us in a last spurt of energy when he stepped on the gas and caused his car to fly forward into space.

\* \* \*

BEBE GUZIK left us soon after an attempt to make the rest of the altos be heard in harmony with the sopranos. She is survived by Doris Anderson to keep the altos going strong.

\* \* \*

Everyone was saddened by the fact that CYRIL PETKE was the last of his kin to leave us. Everyone was aware that he had been a helpful friend in many respects. We know that he will be happy leading a new life as an accountant.

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JAMES COLEMAN was last seen in a playful wrestling match with William Walton during home room period. We sincerely hope that James will not so treat all of his customers when he becomes a salesman.

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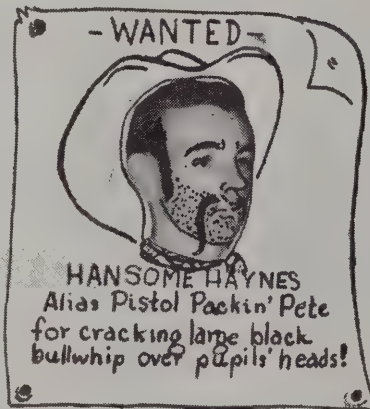
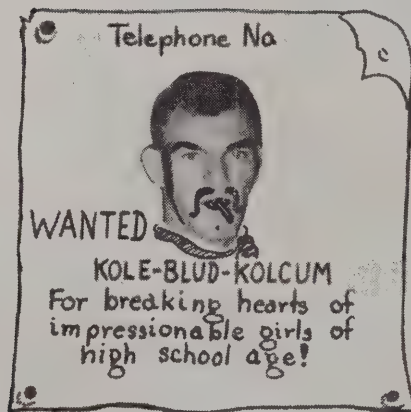
CONSTANCE WOLFE, another good commercial student, will be missed greatly by her fellow students. Just before she had to leave us, her plan was to continue the study of her commercial work.

\* \* \*

CHARLES MILLER left quietly, while still clinging to his guitar. What distressed us was the fact that he might not have much time to practice on his guitar if he should decide to go into business for himself.



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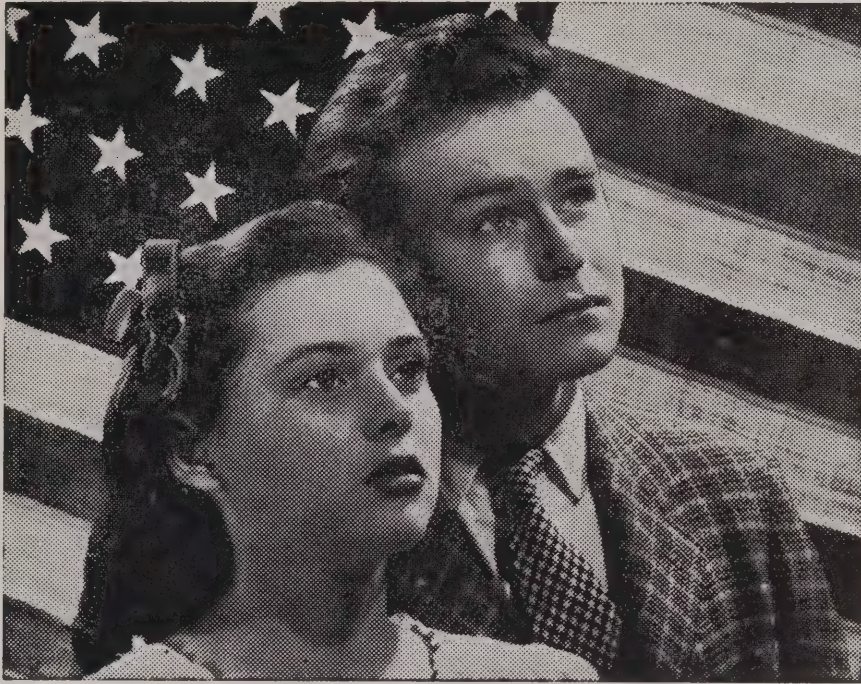
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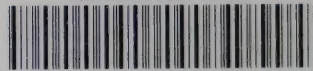








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